

Table B-16. Number of 1995 and 1996 science and engineering master's degree recipients who took courses between completing most recent degree and April 15, 1997, and type of degree sought, by major field of degree: April 1997

Major field of 1995-96 S&E master's degree	Total recipients	Took courses between completing most recent degree and week of April 15, 1997 ¹					
		Total number	Type of degree sought				
			No specific degree	Ph.D. degree	Prof. degree	MA degree	Other or BA degree
All science and engineering fields.....	149,500	53,900	8,000	32,200	3,200	6,200	4,200
Major type							
Total science.....	102,500	39,300	4,900	24,000	2,800	4,100	3,600
Total engineering.....	47,000	14,600	3,100	8,300	S	2,200	S
Major field							
Computer and information sciences.....	18,200	3,000	S	1,400	S	S	S
Life and related sciences, total.....	15,300	6,900	S	3,400	1,800	S	S
Agricultural and food sciences.....	2,500	S	S	S	S	S	S
Biological sciences.....	10,500	5,500	S	2,600	1,700	S	S
Environmental life sciences including forestry sciences.....	2,400	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mathematical and related sciences.....	7,900	3,300	S	2,300	S	S	S
Physical and related sciences, total.....	9,700	5,400	S	3,800	S	S	S
Chemistry, except biochemistry.....	3,900	2,400	S	1,500	S	S	S
Earth sciences, geology, and oceanography.....	2,400	800	S	S	S	S	S
Physics and astronomy.....	3,000	2,100	S	1,700	S	S	S
Other physical sciences.....	S	S	S	S	S	S	S
Psychology.....	26,400	11,400	S	7,000	S	S	2,100
Social and related sciences, total.....	25,100	9,200	S	6,100	S	S	S
Economics.....	4,100	2,000	S	1,400	S	S	S
Political science and related sciences.....	8,100	2,900	S	1,700	S	S	S
Sociology and anthropology.....	4,200	2,100	S	1,800	S	S	S
Other social sciences.....	8,700	2,300	S	S	S	S	S
Engineering, total.....	47,000	14,600	3,100	8,300	S	2,200	S
Aerospace and related engineering.....	1,500	700	S	500	S	S	S
Chemical engineering.....	2,000	900	S	600	S	S	S
Civil and architectural engineering.....	6,500	1,600	S	S	S	S	S
Electrical, electronic, computer and communications engineering.....	16,100	6,000	1,400	3,400	S	900	S
Industrial engineering.....	3,200	S	S	S	S	S	S
Mechanical engineering.....	7,200	2,000	S	1,400	S	S	S
Other engineering.....	10,400	2,700	S	1,200	S	S	S

¹ Most recent degree as of the survey reference period, April 1997.

KEY: S = Data with weighted values less than 100 or unweighted sample sizes less than 20 are suppressed for reasons of data reliability.

NOTES: Details may not add to totals because of rounding.

These estimates on recent college graduates are obtained from a sample survey of individuals whose most recent bachelor's or master's degree is in a science or engineering field and may differ from degree counts presented in other SRS publications.

SOURCE: National Science Foundation/Division of Science Resources Studies, National Survey of Recent College Graduates, 1997